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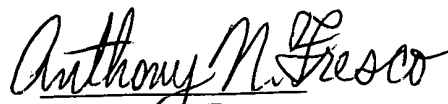
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. European Patent Application No. EP 0 884 626A2, dated December 16, 1998; and
2. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. Hei 4-320212 published on November 11, 1992, together with an English language Abstract.

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Reference 1 was cited in an Official Action dated September 16, 2003, received from the Taiwanese Patent Office. A copy of the Taiwanese Office Action together with a Japanese translation thereof are enclosed. Applicants are submitting a copy of the above-cited Reference 1, along with a translation of the Examiner's comments regarding Reference 1 from the Japanese Office Action. The relevance of Reference 1 is described in the Official Action.

In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 35 U.S.C. §1.56 (c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned submits a translation of portions of an official action by a foreign examiner in which the reference was cited. The relevance to the pending U.S. patent application is that Reference 1 was cited in a foreign patent application on the same subject matter. However, no independent analysis of the reference, the accuracy of the statement of the foreign examiner or the claims of the foreign application under the laws of that country or the United States relative to the subject matter claimed in the present application has been made; the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the translation of the foreign examiner's comments submitted herewith.

The relevance of Reference 2 is that it discloses a liquid crystal display device in which, as shown in FIG. 1, protruding regions made of an interlayer insulating film 8 are provided along signal bus lines 4 and gate bus lines 3 such that each top of the protruding regions is higher than the surface of a pixel electrode 1.

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In this embodiment, a groove 9 is provided between a pixel electrode 1 and the protruding regions so as to prevent the occurrence of reverse tilt domain.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in conjunction with a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, and therefore in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. §1.97 (b)(4), neither a statement nor a fee are enclosed.

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